OLLI News and Upcoming Events

Fall Kickoff Celebration – 22 August

Mark your calendars for this exciting and fun annual celebration kicking off the beginning of the new OLLI academic year

- Explore the Special Interest Groups and talk to the SIG facilitators
- Visit the OLLI Faire tables to learn about SCU campus events available to OLLI members
- Meet new friends, reconnect with old friends
- Invite friends you think will be interested in learning about OLLI
- Enjoy a fun lunch with friends

This event is free but RSVPs by way of registration are required. Go to scu.edu/isher and click Kickoff Registration to register.

2015 Fall Kickoff
22 August, 10:00AM – 1:30PM
Locatelli Student Activity Center (next to Leavy Stadium), Santa Clara
See map: http://www.scu.edu/map/index.cfm, Building 710

Volunteer to help with the 2015 Fall Kickoff. Meet new people, help make it all happen! Email Bov Selaman and type *Kickoff volunteer* in the subject line!
Save the dates

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:
- 4 August – 2015-2016 OLLI membership enrollment opens
- 10 August – Fall Class Catalogs mailed (tentative)
- 22 August – Fall Kickoff
- 25 August – 9:00AM Fall class registration opens
- 15 September – OLLI Art Show Reception
- 24 October – New Member Orientation
- 19 November – Annual Holiday Dinner

Welcome from Program Director

WELCOME TO OLLI FALL QUARTER – the beginning of our 12th academic year. This month brings many changes that will add to our effectiveness and efficiency. We hope you think so, too.

In September the OLLI program will be physically moving to a new building, 455 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053 (first floor).

Also this month we are implementing a new registration system named CLARA (Creating Legacy and Relationship Advancement) and the OLLI staff will be training on the new system over a number of weeks. Member and Class Registration will take place on CLARA and we are taking advantage of the training modules before we go “live” in August.

In addition, there are OLLI chairmanship changes. The Council of Chairs (CoC) is comprised of seven committees:

- Curriculum: Liz Salzer
- Membership: Monica David
- Operations: Chair position open; committee is staffed
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs): Len Schreibstein
- Social & Events: Carol Lindsay
- Travel Program: Dorothea French
- Volunteer Hosts: Bev Seligman

Details of specific duties and responsibilities of the committees will be available in the near future.

Please note that the OLLI annual membership fee will be $45.00 this year. This is the first fee increase in five years. Our class fee structure will remain the same.

Be sure and attend our Annual Fall Kick Off celebration. It is all for you! This event is open to members and guests who are potential members (50+). A notice is being sent to all members. Be sure and RSVP and consider introducing your friends and neighbors to OLLI.

On behalf of the OLLI staff, thank you all for your continued support of this wonderful program. We look forward to seeing you this fall.

Warm Regards,
Andrea Saade, Program Director

Membership Report

By Monica David

The OLLI Program at Santa Clara University finished the 2014-2015 academic year with 1254 members, including 618 new and 636 renewals. We exceeded the 2013/2014 total number by 211, a 20 percent increase.

Our first priority for 2015/2016 is to retain current members. The goal is to keep you informed, get you involved, and recognize all of you for your contributions. And of course, continue the range and quality of classes offered. We always listen—we look at the class evaluation forms (both the ratings and the comments), we listen to your concerns, we run membership surveys to learn what’s important to our members, what we do well, and what we could do better. Our Fall Kickoff is fast approaching and we will be there to answer questions and ask for volunteers!

Of course, we also want to welcome new members. We will hold a New Member Orientation on October 24, where new members will have an opportunity to learn about all that OLLI offers, meet and talk with other members, receive a Welcome Packet full of...
Membership Report – cont’d.

useful information, such as class registration process, planned domestic and international travel destinations, list of SIGs, parking availability as well as a list of where to eat on or around campus. We plan several smaller regional get-togethers this year for new members, to ask how it’s going.

We’ve created new OLLI flyers covering what we offer, listing some recent classes, and providing notable quotes from members about their experiences. We are also in the process of creating marketing tri-folds. Our promotional campaign includes plans to distribute these to libraries, senior centers, service organizations, college alumni groups, and other promising areas for recruiting new members. If you are interested in serving as “ambassador” to interested prospects, presenting what we offer and answering questions, let us know.

2014-2015 Fundraising and Donation Report

Donations for the 2014-2015 academic year totaled $23,366. Thank you for your generosity. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is an important function of Santa Clara University, with an audience of lifelong learners who relish knowledge and creativity in all its forms, vitalizing our community. Your participation in the life of the University helps to provide the foundation for a culture of innovation and critical thinking that values creative expression and scholarship for the good of humanity.

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Destination Learning - Happiness is an OLLI trip to Santa Rosa!

OLLI’s Destination Learning venture on 9 July visited the amazing Canine Companions for Independence facility, the Luther Burbank House and Gardens, and the Charles Schulz Museum. This fun trip included lunch and transportation.

By Vilma Pallette

Did you know that Charlie Brown and cranky Lucy have been with us since 1950? And did you realize that Luther Burbank, the famed California botanist, gave us our delicious Russet Burbank potato, the intense white Shasta Daisy, the July Elberta peach, the Santa Rosa plum, and freestone peaches? Or, for dog lovers, did you realize that Santa Rosa also boasts an incredible national non-profit: Canine Companions for the Disabled, where Golden Retrievers and Labs are partnered with Disabled of all ages?

Starting backwards with the canines: there are three Regional Training Centers in California alone where intensive training and partnering can be witnessed, from young children who are wheel-chair bound to disabled veterans…all of them on the way to their goal of gaining independence. For those of us OLLIs
who were privileged to observe, we were not only warmed and awed by the program but also reminded of the gift of independence that we enjoy. The lovely site is located on the Jean and Charles Schulz campus not far from the Peanuts Museum.

The Peanuts Museum visit was somewhat like a family reunion, where we nodded and smiled at the characters who have delighted us for 65 years. Seeing our beloved beagle pal, Snoopy in large size alongside dear Charlie Brown had all of the ingredients of the comforting blanket that is always on Linus’ shoulder.

Surely it could not get any better than visiting these two sites, until our bus disgorged us at Luther Burbank’s charming home and garden. What an incredible human being Burbank was, not only dedicated to his passion for plant and flowers but also an innovator of breathtaking status. To cite a recent description: “Burbank created over 800 varieties of fruits, flowers, and vegetables. The "Plant Wizard," as he was called, had a unique approach to horticulture that was part Darwinism, part Thomas Edison”.

Who knew that Santa Rosa could yield so many fascinating and educational treasures? It is no surprise to veteran OLLI tourists who have learned first-hand not to ignore any of the OLLI trip offerings, not only for the delights and surprises but also, keenly, for the joys of sharing in the camaraderie of other OLLI members, many of them new faces, new friendships.

Marlene Davis - Senior Peer Advocate at Santa Clara Senior Center

Interviewed by Jeffrey Englander

What motivated you to start volunteering?

When I retired from being a Human Resources Manager, I looked for a volunteer opportunity that would utilize the same skills of working with and helping people and one where I could continue studying and learning. I found the ideal position as a Senior Peer Advocate at Santa Clara Senior Center.

Tell us about your experience:

Senior Peer Advocate (SPA) volunteers are trained and certified to help seniors and their families find help. We provide information and assistance to connect Santa Clara residents to a variety of community service and benefits such as

- Transportation
- Housing
- Food
- Health Care
- Caregiving and family support
- Social and educational activities
- Legal Services

I work alongside a team of Registered Nurses and a Care Manager to support and promote graceful aging and continued independence in the Santa Clara community.

We SPA volunteers receive 20 hours of comprehensive training at the beginning and then meet once a month for two hours for more training. We continuously learn about the various agencies and resources in Santa Clara County that exist to make Santa Clara County a more “livable community” for all ages.

SPA volunteers are located in many neighborhood locations throughout Santa Clara County and are available on a drop-in or appointment basis.

What do you like about being a volunteer?

As a Senior myself, I am so glad to be learning about all the resources in Santa Clara, which in the future I may need to utilize, and I can educate my friends and clients about these resources. Also, it is such a good feeling to help people; they are so appreciative and tell me what a great service the Center provides and thank me for telling them about the resources they need to help solve the problems they are having. Many of my clients are repeats who come back again and again.
If someone wants to become a Senior Peer Advocate, whom would he/she contact?

They can contact Farida Sultany, our Program Coordinator, faridas@healthtrust.org, or call 408 513-8738.

Note: The Volunteer Corner is a feature that describes the various organizations in which OLLI members serve as volunteers with the hope that their stories will inspire you to get involved and make a difference in your life and the community in which you live. To share your story, contact Jeff Englander.

Lifelong Learning through Travel with OLLI@SCU

Travel Report from Turkey:

You’re invited to see great photos and hear wonderful stories from the OLLI@SCU travelers who returned from an amazing trip to Turkey June 1-16. Please join us in Loyola 160 Wednesday, 5 August from 10:00AM to Noon. Based on the enthusiastic reports, we’re going to offer this same trip in 2016.

Lorraine D’Ambruoso, one of the 11 travelers wrote:

I had the sensation that we were embarking on a voyage to a magical land when the Turkish Airlines employees welcomed their “dear children” to board for our flight to Istanbul.

Now, as we leave Turkey, land of pomegranate, olive and fig trees, I want to take a moment to thank OLLI@SCU for organizing a splendidferous trip. There are not enough words (and this is from an Italian!) to explain how completely satisfying, educational and magical these two weeks have been.

We began as strangers and became like a family, one which included Tamer. We helped each other over slippery paths and up and down steps. We shared our food and snacks. And if you were worried about the educational aspect of the trip, your worries were unfounded. We saw wonderful sights through the eyes of a true expert on the country, its people and their history.

We were called to prayers by the muezzin five times a day, we ate truly delicious meals in places not usually frequented by tourists, we asked questions about women and their veils, about the Armenians, etc. I could go on, but I think you understand.

In all the languages of the world, beginning with Tessekkur ederim- sans accents- thank you, merci, grazie, dance, gracias, etc.

Remember to wear your lanyards to classes, SIGs, and Destination Learning events so that we can learn your name!
Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

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Special interest groups (SIGs), will each have a representative at the OLLI Fall Kickoff on August 22nd to provide information and to sign-up interested participants. Please see OLLI calendar and website for more details.

AGING GRACEFULLY

At our next meeting we will continue our discussions on (in no particular order) what we’re looking for at this stage of life, how to develop both “working” memory and “fluid intelligence,” importance of and steps to leading an engaged life, balance and its importance for cognitive as well as physical well-being, financial decisions, long-term care decisions, end-of-life issues, biological vs. chronological age, caregiving issues, and latest Alzheimer’s findings. As always, participants may bring up concerns and share information. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 26, 1:00, place to be determined For more information, contact Monica David.

“Be the Change”

On June 5th, members of “Be the Change” visited Sacred Heart Community Service. Sacred Heart provides clothing, emergency assistance, education and programs designed to break the cycle of poverty.

We are now planning our fall activities. We would like to explore volunteer opportunities in the hospital setting, mental health field, and mentoring and tutoring programs. If you are interested in becoming a member of “Be the Change,” or would like more information about our group, please contact Debbie Schreibstein at Lendebsch@aol.com.

CULTURAL CORNUCOPIA

The next Cultural Cornucopia meeting is Tuesday, September 1, from 12:00-1:30, in Kenna 304. The book providing the basis for conversation is Five Came Back: A Story of Hollywood and the Second World War, by Mark Harris. The movie directors who are featured include John Ford, William Wyler, George Stevens, Frank Capra, and John Huston. It should make for an interesting discussion.

CURRENT EVENTS

At our July meetings, we had a discussion of several related topics. We focused on what we look for in a President, how Barack Obama is doing in comparison to those expectations, and the importance of both the recent Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage and the provisional Iran nuclear agreement. These meetings were different than most in that the usual format is a discussion of a single topic rather than multiple topics.
We will continue our schedule of once per month meetings. Because of the demand, we now run two discussion groups each month. Because of the addition of the second group, we still have some slots available to add new participants. For more information, including specifics about the next meeting, please contact Len Schreibstein, SIG facilitator, at Lendebsch@aol.com.

**EXPLORING THE BAY AREA**

Upcoming ETBA events include a trip to the Italian Masters Exhibit at the Cantor Museum on the Stanford Campus, 19 August. This will be followed up by a visit to the Anderson Museum, also on the Stanford Campus, on 4 September. Interested participants must sign-up on the OLLI website for these trips.

Currently, ETBA is researching the following trips with more details to follow:

- Film Location Tour in Monterey for October 2015
- Dunsmuir House for the Christmas Holidays in December 2015
- A theater event for February 2016
- Steinbeck Museum for June or July of 2016
- A sail on the San Francisco Bay onboard the Jeremiah O’Brien Liberty Ship in September 2016

The ETBA SIG welcomes new ideas for exploring locations in the Bay Area, and details if you have them. Our next planning committee meeting will be **August 18, 2015 from 10:00AM – 12:00 Noon in Benson Center Parlor A.**

**GENEALOGY**

Seven of us had a good Genealogy SIG meeting 15 July. We shared successes and frustrations on our individual research projects and provided suggestions to each other.

Carol Lindsay showed her compact, low cost portable scanner that can be used to capture document images at a research site with excellent results.

The next Genealogy SIG meeting will be in the **Sycamore Room of the Santa Clara City Library, Wednesday, 19 August, 2PM.**

**OLLIWOOD**

The OLLIwood SIG enjoyed an outing to the play “The Underpants” at the Northside Theater on July 12th. It was followed by a potluck with good food, wine, and good conversation.

The July 20th selection was Mr. Holmes. The August outing will be on the 17th which is as usual, the third Monday of the month. If interested in this SIG contact Evelyn Howard at evelynhow@yahoo.com.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

The Photography SIG took its July expedition to Wunderlich Park, just west of Woodside and close to Huddart Park. Photo SIG member Casey Cozzolino arranged a docent-led tour of the beautiful park stables (Folger Stables, originally owned by the Folger (coffee) family) which houses a wonderful museum. People still board their horses here in a style and level of comfort most people don’t enjoy.

In the stable museum there is a video taken in San Francisco only a few days before the 1906 earthquake showing horse carriages and old cars moving down Market Street towards the Ferry Building. It was a wonderful tour of a beautiful place, and if you haven’t visited that area, you should go.
Fall class offering - Japanese Woodblock Prints, Parts 1 and 2

Of timely note is the exhibition *Ukiyo-e: Woodblock Prints from Japan* which is currently on display in the Santa Clara University Library. The class offering this fall is an expansion and continuation of the short course of Japanese Woodblock Prints that was so successful this past spring. This exhibition was developed by the students in art history professor Karen Fraser’s spring quarter upper division class on Japanese prints. The exhibition is on display in the 2nd floor hallway exhibition space at the library, immediately to your right as you exit the elevator. It will be up through August 21.

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**The Link Editorial Board:**

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The next issue of The Link will be September. Deadline for submissions is 20 August.  
Contact Carol Lindsay at clindsay408@comcast.net
Campus Events

SCU offers a wealth of enriching opportunities that you as an OLLI member may attend. Check them out!

(Editor’s note: Please be aware when there is an evaluation form available at any of the presentations on campus that allows you to identify yourself as an “Osher member” or an “OLLI Member,” or that you learned about the event in the OLLI Link, that it is important to both SCU departments and to OLLI to know that OLLI members are attending these campus events.)

Pope Francis and the Environment: Protecting Mother Earth and All Her Children

3 August, Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Learning Commons & Library Saint Clair Room | Campus Map | RSVP for this event

In his new encyclical *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis confronts environmental degradation and global warming, issues that will no doubt challenge humanity for the rest of this century. Thomas Reese, S.J., visiting scholar for the Ethics Center and senior analyst, National Catholic Reporter, will explain the Pope's viewpoint and how his perspectives may change the debate about the environment and how humanity lives and works on planet earth. Follow this event on our Twitter: scuethics #popeearth @thomasreesesj

For more Information contact Monica DeLong, 408-554-7893, MDELONG@SCU.EDU

REGISTRATION FOR ONLINE BUSINESS ETHICS COURSES OPEN

Santa Clara University's Markkula Center for Applied Ethics is offering two free Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) to the public. Already over 6,000 executives, professors and students have enrolled in these popular and relevant courses, and we invite you to join them. The MOOCs are hosted on the Canvas.net platform and are taught by Kirk O. Hanson, longtime professor of business ethics at Stanford Graduate School of Business and Santa Clara University.

Business Ethics for the Real World explores the nature of ethics, its role in a business career, and how to make practical ethical decisions. Course runs August 10 - December 13, 2015.

Creating an Ethical Corporate Culture provides executives, managers, and supervisors the knowledge and tools to create and sustain an ethical culture in their company or department. Course runs August 10 - December 14, 2015.

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION